

RIVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 16th October 2026

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Martial Arts Workshop

On Thursday, the children took part in an exciting workshop led by Matt Fiddes Martial Arts.

They had a fantastic time learning about the importance of respect, exploring self-defence techniques and practising their new skills. The session was fun, engaging and informative, giving the children a great opportunity to learn something new while building their confidence. A big thank you to Keenan from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts for such an enjoyable workshop!



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Weekly Attendance Awards

Week commencing 28th September 2026

Reception	89.4%	Y4	95.4%
Y1	93.5%	Y5	93%
Y2	98.1%	Y6	94.8%
Y3	97.6%	Whole School	94.4%

Key dates for Autumn term

Date	Event
21 st October	Rec + Y6 height and weight checks
23 rd October	Culture Day 1
23 rd October	Last day of the half term
2 nd November	Start of Autumn 2
5 th November	Y2 Stay and Learn Session 2:50pm
5 th November	Y5 Museum Trip
12 th November	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am
13 th November	Children in need day
16 th November	Odd Socks Day
18 th November	Parents Evening
20 th November	Y4 +Y2 Trip to Martin Mere
9 th December	Rec + Y1 Christmas Show 9:15am
10 th December	Y2 + Y3 Christmas Show 9:15am
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
11 th December	Culture Day 2 – Visit to Church
15 th December	Nursery Christmas Carols Stay and learn 9am
16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Place your order on school grid now)
18 th December	Last day of term 2pm
4 th January 2027	Start of Spring term

Primary All Stars Award

This week I had the absolute privilege of attending a very special awards ceremony to celebrate many of our young children across the borough. I am part of a group of Headteachers called PASH (Primary and Specialist Heads). During the summer holidays, we were asked to nominate children in our schools, who we thought deserved to be recognised for the special contributions they make. I decided to nominate Lily-Mae for the 'Overcoming Adversity' award. Many of you will know that Lily-Mae was diagnosed with cancer in 2024 and since then has had to undergo many rounds of chemotherapy, tests and surgeries. She is a warrior! Her positive attitude and resilience is something that has inspired us all. I am so pleased that today lots of people got to hear her story and see what a wonderful young girl she is!



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Well done to all our merit winners this week!

Reception	Willow for her enthusiasm, happiness and love of learning.	Finley for his wonderful reading and phonics skills.	Yunus for joining in with activities with a smile on his face and always trying his best.
Year 1	Cleo for putting her hand up lots in our lessons and sharing her thinking.	Luna Rose for her amazing writing this week.	Sofia for her sensible attitude in class and for always being a good role model towards others.
Year 2	Muhammed for taking part in the Martial Arts session.	Grace for working hard this week and having a really good attitude towards her work.	Jasikah for always being positive and making everyone smile.
Year 3	Noah G for the wonderful contributions he makes to lessons.	Louie for a mature behaviour in class and on the playground.	Harper for being a supportive friend and a wonderful role model to others.
Year 4	Nate for helping the martial arts teacher to do the demonstrating!	Pixie for producing a super piece of art in the style of LS Lowry.	Sofia for being a really kind friend to people who needed it this week.
Year 5	Ayda for having a great attitude towards her learning this week and putting a lot of effort into her work.	Freddie for persevering when a task was challenging and producing a great piece of writing.	Olivia for always being so hardworking a role model to those around her.
Year 6	Mason for making a very thoughtful and valuable contribution to our RE lesson this week.	Alfie N for taking part in the martial arts workshop and working well with friends to practice the skills.	Abigail for always leading by example and being a great role model to other children in school.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Sorry, mithering again, but this really is worth 2 minutes of your time!

The rules changed!

From 1st June 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals were widened. This means that even if you didn't qualify before, you might qualify NOW!

Receiving benefits? Not sure if you're eligible? PLEASE APPLY!

It only takes a couple of minutes, and you'll usually find out pretty quickly. School will be notified too!

ALREADY GETTING FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

You still need to REAPPLY every year!

And here's another reason not to put it off...

Apply now and may also qualify for holiday food vouchers, if these are made available for future holidays!

APPLY HERE:

<https://sthelens.gov.uk/article/1865/Applying-for-free-school-meals>

Struggling with the application?

Don't worry! Contact the school office and we can help you complete it, alternatively email us your full name, date of birth and your National Insurance number and we can do it for you.

Free School Meals make a real difference to families AND bring valuable funding into our school, helping us do even more for your children.

So please, please, PLEASE take two minutes to check!

Thank you!



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Y5 trip to Liverpool Museum

A polite reminder to please complete the trip survey and to make the payment via School Spider for our upcoming visit to Liverpool Museum on Thursday 5th November. Thank you!

Y2 and Y4 Trip to Martin Mere

On 20th November, our Year 2 and Year 4 children will be visiting Martin Mere in Ormskirk to take part in *Generation Wild*, a fantastic free project designed to help children and their families connect with nature. Through the story of Ava, a half-human, half-osprey character, the children will discover the importance of protecting wildlife and caring for the environment. Back at school, they will take part in a series of nature-based activities to encourage them to explore, enjoy and develop a deeper connection with the natural world. Once they have completed ten activities, the children can choose to take the Generation Wild Oath and become a *Guardian of the Wild*, receiving a special badge and certificate to celebrate their achievement. Families can get involved too, with over 50 badges to collect, including fun activities to try at home, such as stargazing and dancing in the rain. Each child will also receive a free family pass to revisit Martin Mere and continue their wild adventures together!

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please complete the trip survey on School Spider. Thank you!



Site Safety Reminder

Gates and Supervision

Please ensure children remain with their parent or carer before and after school and take care to close gates behind you when entering or leaving the site. Keeping gates secure helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

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POSTCARDS FROM THE FUTURE: FREE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-11

We've teamed up with Read Now Write Now to run FREE workshops where children can learn about what life could be like in 2050 and get creative by writing a short, inspiring story and designing an illustration about the future.

These workshops will take place at:

St Helens Library:	Tuesday 27th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm
Newton Le Willows Library:	Wednesday 28th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm
Chester Lane Library:	Thursday 29th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm
Thatto Heath Library:	Friday 30th October,	10.30am to 12.30pm

To book onto one of the workshops please go to our Eventbrite page (there are limited spaces at each venue) via tinyurl.com/j2upcvv or use the QR code below.



For more information about these sessions please go to our blog tinyurl.com/2mmc6h65 or email charles@readnowwritenow.org.uk
Please note that sessions will be accessible and inclusive.

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family arts day

This FREE session offers families in St Helens the chance to come together, socialise and get creative with 3D pens, LEGO, digital art and crafts!

date:

**Tuesday
27th October**

location:

**Moss Bank
Community Library,
WA11 7PQ**

time:

**1:00 pm
- 3:00 pm**

sign up now:

**info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223
www.digitalartsbox.org**



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Tunza's CHRISTMAS MARKETS WEEKENDER

Shop Local Support Small Businesses This Christmas

GIFTS
CRAFTS
TREATS
AND MUCH MORE!

Saturday 28th November
Sunday 29th November

The Tunza Centre, St Helens
11am till 3pm

Visit Santa in his new, amazing grotto
(small charge to see Santa, gift included)

FREE ENTRY ALL WEEKEND!

KIDS' GROTTO MEET SANTA!

- Christmas stalls
- Tombola
- Raffles
- Hot Drinks & Food.

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY
LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ST HELENS CONCERT BAND!